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In Re the Application of:

BLATT et al.

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For: "PROTEIN INVOLVED IN
ABSCISIC ACID SIGNALLING"

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response and Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Notice to Comply with the Sequence Rules having a mailing date of October 5, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 1-5 with the following paragraph:

--Figure 3 shows alignment of the deduced amino acid sequence of clone number 9 (*rek-Nt*) (SEQ ID NO:6) with related receptor kinase protein sequences of different plant sequences. The homologous receptor kinases are SRK4 from *Brassica oleracea* (S39911, Kumar and Trick, 1993; SEQ ID NO:9); SRK9 from *Brassica campestris* (D30049; SEQ ID NO:8) or IRK1 from *Ipomoea trifida* (U20948; SEQ ID NO:7).--

On page 11, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 17-22 with the following paragraph:

--Figure 6 shows alignment of the deduced amino acid sequence of clone number 15 (*smG-Nt*; SEQ ID NO:14) with related small Rab G-proteins from other plant species: GRM1 from *G. max*, (S47101, Borg and Poulsen, 1994; SEQ ID NO:15); RAB11G from *L. japonicus* (Z73955, Borg et al. 1997; SEQ ID NO:16) ARA-4 (SEQ ID NO:17) and RAB11 (SEQ ID NO:18) both from *A. thaliana* (P28187, Anai et al. 1994 and Y08904, Lin and Lin, 1997); NT-RAB11E (SEQ ID NO:18) another small GTP binding protein of *N. tabacum* (L29272, Haizel et al 1995).--

On page 11, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 23-29 with the following paragraph:

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